Pylate.

18–14.

Forty yere after ye our lorde Jhesu Criste was put on ye crosse in Jherusalem Vaspazian that was then Emperoure of Rome/ of Almyne/ and of all Lombardye/ and had and helde Jherusalem and Judee in grete subgeccyon. And Rome was chyef of all Spayne/ and therfore he helde hym at Rome alwayes. And that same Emperour adoured and made to adoure the ydoles. And also he was the myghtyest of all the worlde/ and hadde all the good of the worlde at his pleasure. And he hadde one his sone holy and noble the whiche had to name Tytus. And that same sone hadde grete puyssaunce/ so that he hadde grete hope and delyte in the temporell of this worlde/ and byleued moche strongly in the ydoles/ the whiche were maynteyned by the deuylles that spake in them/ by whom all the people loste themselfe. So that Jhesu Criste that had suffred dethe and passyon for to redeme the humayne lygnage. And for to reknowlege and caste the Emperour and his folke frome that erroure that they were in/ god gaue vnto Vaspasyan Emperour suche a cancre that it ete al his throte and his lyppes tyll his tethe/ and his browes/ and pylled his berde wherof the Emperoure and his men had grete sororwe. And made for to come the beste physicyens and surgyens that they thought were in the worlde. And the more that they handled hym ye more encreased his maladye so that ye physycyens & surgyens habandoned hym clene/ saynge that nothynge myght hele hym saue god alonely. And the sykenes encreased so that Vaspasian was all lepre that he myght not stande but laye nyght & daye in his bed.

And in that same tyme came a disciple of Jhesu crist to rome/that was called Clemens/the whiche for the malyce of the Emperoure and of his folke durste not speke nor make predycacion of Jhesu Criste/but if it were secretely. It happened one daye that he preched of the passyon of Jhesu Criste/and of his holy fayth to some folkes that he had conuerted/So that a good knyght that was called Gay whiche was Seneschall of the Emperour came to the sermon. And whan he hadde herde it/he conuerted hym to the fayth of Jhesucriste. And anone as he departed fro the Sermon he wente vnto the Emperour/and sawe hym moche disfygured lyenge in his bedde. For the whiche he began for to wepe moche strongly/and to make grete dole for the grete euyll that his lord the Emperour hadde.

Then the sayde Gay Seneschall sayd vnto the Emperour. I byleue not that your goddes nor your pusssaūces haue ony power to hele you. But I haue herde say in the temple of August cesar your fader that there was in Jherusalem a holy prophete/that was called Jhesu crist/the whiche dyde many grete myracles in his lyfe. For he guaryssched the lepres/& ryghted the creppyles & lame/the paralytyques/and heled the demonyacles/& rayssed the deed. And also he heled all the maladyes of them that came vnto hym. And the Jewes by enuye that they had vpon hym bycause that they sawe hym do suche myracles/Juged hym to deth & crucefyed hym on a crosse. And Pylate your pronoss Juged hym to deye on the crosse. And also I haue herde say that he rose vp on the thirde day/

and after mounted vp in to heuen as kynge and lorde almyghty. And yet I haue also herde saye ꝑ who that may haue some thynge that hathe touched the body of the holy prophete / and that they haue theyr fayth in hym that they shalbe anone heled. Wherfore yf I beleue that and ye myght haue some thynge that hathe touched the holy prophete that ye sholde be hole anone of your maladye and sekenes.

Sayd me sayd the Emperour / knowe ye not if this holy prophete byleue in our goddes. Sir sayd Gay the Seneshall how may ye thynke ꝑ that holy prophete byleueth in your goddes. For I haue herde say ꝑ he is lorde of goddes / kynge & souerayne of all ꝑ worlde / & also is god almyghty ꝑ dyscended from heuen vnto ꝑ erth / for to take flesshe humayne in ꝑ virgyn Mary. And also I haue herde say whā he went on ꝑ erthe he had. lxxij. felawes dyscyples that went w' hym. And of ꝑ same he had. xij. ꝑ were more neere hym than ꝑ other. And of these. xij. there was one ꝑ was called Judas scaryot. And that same Judas solde hym to ꝑ Jewes for. xxx. pens. For euen so shold it be after the sayngе of ꝑ scriptures of the Jewes. And ꝑ disciple repented hym & retorned to the Jewes ꝑ. xxx. pens in sayngе that he had done euyll. But the Jewes wold neuer take them agayne And he caste them into ꝑ temple of salomon / and dispayred & hanged hym selfe. But leue we these worde sayde ꝑ Seneshall and sende into Jherusalem to se and there may be foūde ony thinge of ꝑ holy prophete or that hathe touched his blessyd body / for & if ye may fynde ony thynge / ye shalbe heled anone.

¶ Howe Vaspasyon sente Gay his Seneshall vnto Hierusalem for to haue some thynge of our lord Ihe su crist and how Pylate refused hym the trybute.

THen sayde the Emperour if it be so as ye saye I praye you that ye prolonge it no more but that incontynent you go theder and if that ye fynde ony thynge of ꝑ holy prophete bryng it to me. And knowe that ⁊ the holy prophete hele me I shall venge his dethe and distroye the Iewes so many that I shall gyue .xxx. for a pene ryght so as they gaue .xxx. pens for a holy yphete. And also I wyll that ye say vnto Pylate sythe that ye go theder ꝑ it displeaseth me gretely of that thathe sendeth me not the truage

that he ought for to sende me. The which he was ac
customed for to sende my fader. And also he sente it
me by the space of thre yere. But nowe he hath fayl-
led me by seuen yere. And if that he quyte hym not/
I wyll not be content with hym. Syr sayde the Se
nesshall I shall do well your wyll & cõmaundement
if it please god. And then Gay the Senesshall made
hym redy honourably as vnto a senesshall apperteyn-
ed/ & embassatour of an Emperoure. Notwithstan-
dynge he ledde not with hym many men/ but alone
ly frowe knyght/ & squyres & sentre horses/ & pages
at his wyll. And after toke money of the Emperour
at his pleasure/ & toke leue at hym & mouted on hors/
backe with his men/ & went by londe vnto the porte
of Vallette/ And there they put themselfe vpon ꝑ see
& rowed so moche vpon the see by the pleasure of god
that they arryued at the porte of Barre. And whan
they were in Arre they put themselfe vpon the lan-
de and rode vnto the cyte of Jherusalem. Where as
they lodged them secretely in the hous of a good ho-
ly man/ the whiche was called Jacob the sage fader
of Mary and sojourned there thre dayes.

AND whan the Senesshall Gay & his felawes
hadde sojourned in the sayde house of Jacob
thre dayes without makynge themselfe to be kno-
wen what they were vnto ony body. Jacob his host
spake vnto hym as foloweth and sayd. Syr me thyn
keth that you are a man pussaunte and also dyscrete
and noble/ I beseche you that ye wyll tel me of what
coũtre you are/ & what ye seke. For and if ye wyll tell
me I promyse you for to helpe you w^t all my power.

Then the Seneschall Gay answered to Jacob his hoste. By god haste you sente me to be a good man & therfore I shall tell it you. Knowe þ I am þ Seneschal of þ Emperour of Rome/ þ is my lorde & youres/ & he trusteth moche in me. And know þ Vaspazian þ Emperour by whom Rome & Jherusalem is gouerned/ is so taken in the bylage w^t mala dye/ and þ body so euyll apparaylled with lepze þ he may not sustayne hymselfe/ but behoueth hym to lye nyght & day/ & it is a ryght pyteous syght to se hym Of þ whiche he & all his folke hath grete dole/ & displeasure. For they can fynde no surgyens þ can hele hym/ & gothe euer in empayrryng/ for þ whiche sayde holde I am come hether. For I herde saye & spoke at Rome of a holy prophete that was named Jhesus of Nazareth that the Jewes had crucefyed in this cyte & all by enuye/ bycause that he dyd many myracles in his lyfe/ at his deth/ and after his deth. And I haue sayd vnto my lorde þ Emperour that & he myght fynde ony thynge þ had touched the body of the holy prophete/ that incontynent þ he sholde haue it/ he sholde anone be heled/ in as moche as he had his truste in þ holy prophete. So þ my lorde hathe sent me hether for to se if I myght fynde ony thynge/ & that if I myght fynde ony thyng for to brynge it hym/ and therfore sayde holde. I am come hether for that cause wherfore I praye you þ & ye can gyue me ony counsayll þ ye wyl gyue it me/ for ye shal haue grete good/ & grete honoure of my lorde þ Emperour/ & I swere you that ye shall be for euer a grete lorde in his courte/ & I praye you that ye hyde me nothynge. For of a trouthe I shall not retorne towarde my lorde tyll

that I haue founde some thynge.

SIr sayd Jacob to ye Seneshal tell me if it plea se you if my lorde ye Emperoure byleue not in the holy prophete/ & if that he haue not adoured hym as god of heuen ye is almyghty. And the Seneshall tolde hym that he worshypped the ydoles/ and wyll not leue it for no thynge. And thenne Jacob sayd to hym Sir retorne you agayne hardyly syth ye he byle ueth not in ye holy prophete the whiche suffred dethe & passyon as I dyd se. And also I sawe hym dyscen ded from the crosse/ & put in the monument of ye gode knyght Joseph of Armathye/ ye which was his fren de. And syth I sawe hym whan he was arysen from deth to lyfe/ preche to his appostles & sayd. Go your wayes thorowe the worlde and preche the gospell vn to all the worlde and to euery creature. And say vn to them ye who byleueth in ye sone of the virgyn Ma ry/ and shalbe baptysed shalbe saued. And who that wyll not byleue shall be dampned. Wherfore I tell you that and he byleue not in ye holy prophete/ & wor shyp as god almyghty/ he maye not be heled. But & he wolde byleue he shall be heled anone/ as haue ben grete foyson of other. Sir I tell you an exemple. There was a lady ye was called Vernyque of the coũ tre of Galylee. And ye same lady was so leprous ye she durste not fynde herselfe amonge people/ yet had she her fayth that the holy prophete Jhesu crist shold he le her. And whan she knewe that ye Jewes wold put hym on the crosse/ she had right grete sorowe & came to ye mounte of Caluary where as ye Jewes put Jhe su crist on the crosse. And she sawe there the virgyne

Marye that behelde as they put her dere sone on the crosse. And there was his appostle ẏ was called Johan the Euangelyst with her. And Veronyque durste not approche nere them/ for bycause of her maladye/cryed & made grete sorowe. And then whan the virgyn Mary sawe her wepe so she made her sygne with her hande for to come vnto her. And incontynent she came. And then ẏ virgyn Mary toke a kerchyer ẏ Veronyque bare vpon her hede & put it on ẏ face of Jhesu crist bycause ẏ he swete. And incontynent the semblaũce of ẏ face of Jhesu criste was portrayed in the sayd kerchyer. And the virgyn Mary gaue it vnto Veronyque for to hele her.

HEre sayd Gay ẏ Seneshall this I byleue well But I praye you that ye wyll sende for ẏ sayd woman. And ẏ she come with me vnto Rome to my lord the Emperour. For I wote well that he wyll byleue in ẏ holy prophete. And whan he shall be heled all crystendome shall be exalted by hym. And also he shall venge the dethe of the holy prophete.

AND then Jacob sent for her by one of his seruaũtes/ & a squyer of Gayes. Whan she was come Jacob tolde her howe the Emperour had sente his Seneshall for her/ for to come & hele hym at rome of his leprehode. And he sayde to her these words to the ende that ẏ faythe of Jhesu criste were exalted And also he tolde her that she shold brynge the cloth and other thynges if she had ony. And Veronyque sayd to hym ẏ she was well content to go theder/ for she byleued that the vertue of Jhesu criste shold hele

the Emperour. And if ꝑ it myght be done all ꝑ peo-
ple wold byleue in Jhesu crist. And whan the Sene
shall herde her speke so/he had right grete Joye/and
badde that she shold apparayll her for to departe.

Then sayde Gay the Seneshall I must speke
with Pylate. And Jacob answered hym that
he wolde go wt hym gladly. And they twayne with
theyr cõpany wente for to speke wt Pylate. So they
foũde hym before ꝑ tẽple of Salamon. Then gay ꝑ
Seneshal salued hym in sayinge. Sir Pylate I am
messenger of ꝑ Emperour of Rome my lord & yours
And he maũdeth you by me ꝑ ye sende hym the try-
bute of seuen yere that you owe hym. And knowe ꝑ
he is euyll content with you, bycause ye haue not sen
te hym the trybute euery yere as ye shold. Neuerthe
les if ye sende it hym by me he shall not be so euyll cõ
tent with you/sayenge you are so farre of.

When Pylate herde Gay the Seneshall speke
so/he made hym right euyll chere & semblaũt
And answered hym ryght proudely in menasynge
hym/& sayd to hym that he wold haue his coũsayll.
And then an euyll man that was of his counsayll/&
was his Seneshall/the whiche was called Barrabã
sayd before them all. I counsayll that nothynge nor
homage he reknowlege to ꝑ Emperour/but say that
he was lord hymselfe of Jherusalem. For also ꝑ peo-
ple wold rather haue Pylate to theyr lorde than the
Emperour/or ony other. And ꝑ the Emperour kepte
& were lorde of Rome and of Lombardye. And sayd
vnto Pylate that he neded not to fere of nothynge/&

that & the Emperour came with all his men to Ihe rusalem for to make warre/he myght not lyue by de faute of water/bycause that there is noo water nere this cyte. And then Pylate helde his counsayll for good/and cõmaunded that they sholde slee Gay the Seneschall/ but Barrabam sayd that it sholde be yll done. For messangers ought for to haue no harme for ony thynge that they saye/so that they haue it by cõmaundement. And than Pylate badde hym retorne & say vnto ỹ Emperour ỹ he held nothynge of hym.

¶ How Gay the Seneschall retorned to the Empe-rour with Veronyke. And how the Emperour was heled by the Vernacle.

Then Gay departed frome Pylate moche angry/ and thought hym for to retorne incontynent vnto Rome/ and toke leue of Jacob his hoste and gaue hym fayre Jewelles/ and of treasour grete foyson. And departed frome Jherusalem with Veronyse and all his company/ and rode vnto Cesarye and in to Acre. And there they toke shyp/ and hadde good wynde/ so that they came to ye porte of Valette in ryght grete Joye euerychone to be landed in sauete. And aboue all Gay the Seneshall. For he had hope that god sholde doo hym suche honour that his trauayl shold be his saluacyon. And whan they had sotourned there two dayes they mounted on horsbacke and rode to Rome vnto the Emperour which abode in ryght grete payne bycause of his malady ye he had vn hym. And whan the Emperour knewe of the comynge of his Seneshall he hadde ryght grete Joy and wyll for to speke with hym. And at ye same tyme that Gay was comen vnto Rome ye Emperour had sente for all the kynges & prynces of his Empyre. Whether was come/ Kynges/ Dukes/ Erles/ and Barons/ Knyghtes/ and all the nobles of his sayde Empyre. For he wolde crowne his sone Tytus/ bycause that he hymselfe was soo dysfygured & myght not walke to gouerne his Empyre/ for the whiche he wolde crowne hym on the morowe.

Then came Gay ye Seneshall Joyously before ye Emperour his lorde/ and salued hym in makynge hym reuerence. And ye Emperour sayde ye he was ryght welcome. In demaundynge hym if he had foūde ony thynge ye myght hele hym. And Gay

sayde vnto hym. Syr make you glad and Joyous and yelde graces vnto god Jhesu cryste. For I haue founde a holy lady that hathe his fygure in a clothe with the whyche cloth she was heled also soone as she hadde touched it / the whyche lady was all leprous. And syr if ye wyll byleue stedfastly in Jhesu Cryste ye shall be heled anone / elles ye can neuer be heled.

Then the Emperour sayd vnto Gay his Seneshall. I byleue well all that you haue sayd wherfore if it please Jhesu Cryste for to gyue me hele the I shall wenge his dethe. Now make come to me that lady / and that she bryngo with her the clothe also worthely as vnto it appertayneth to be brought.

Syr sayd Gay the Seneshall to morowe whan all your baronnye is togyder I shall make ȳ lady to come before you in the presence of them all to the ende that euery body se the myracle / and byleue in Jhesu Cryste. And then ye may crowne your sone Tytus. And the Emperour sayde that it was well spoken. And sayd ȳ at the pleasure of god be it done.

After Gay the Seneshall retorned vnto his house / & the Emperour abode in his palays. And whan Gay was in his hous he soude Veronyque / and sayde to her. Lady my lorde the Emperour wyll that ye come before hym to morowe in the mynynge. But make your prayers vnto our lorde Jhesu Cryste ȳ he wyll shewe of his grete myracles on ȳ Emperour / ȳ it wyll please hym to guaryssh hym of

all his maladyes to ye ende that all the people byleue in hym that he is almyghty god.

And whan ye lady herde it she put her in oraysion and prayed oure lorde moche swetely for the quarysshynge of the Emperour. And euen so as Veronyque was in oraysion a disciple of Jhesu crist passed forby the dore/and she lyft vp her eyen & sawe hym passe. And anone she knewe hym & called hym by his name. And sayd vnto hym. Broder Clemens our redemptour Jhesu Criste be with you alwayes And Incontynent ye dysciple was moche meruaylled and hadde ryght greate Joye whan he herde he was called by his propre name / and spake of Jhesu Criste in the house of the Seneschall. And then Veronyse sayde to hym. Be not aferde of nothynge for I tell the ye crystendome shall be exalted by the. And for to gyue the in knowlege what I am. I am the woman that was lepre in Galyle/ whiche was heled by the Vernacle. And I am comen in to this coūtree for to hele the Emperour by the grace of god. Wherfore I praye you that you come with me and preche to hym the holy lawe and faythe of Jhesu Criste. And then the dysciple dyde knowe that it was ye pleasure of Jhesu Criste. And sayde at the pleasure of god be it done. I praye you sayde he tell me your name. And she tolde it hym.

¶ How Veronyque shewed the Vernacle to ye Emperour/and how he was heled of his lepre.

Then the dyscyple toke leue of the Lady and
wente his waye. And whan it came on ẏ mo
rowe/the Emperoure wolde not adoure the ydoles/
bycause that he had no stedfaste byleue in them tho-
rough his Seneshall. And whan it came to ẏ houre
oftyers all the Barons were assembled where as the
Emperour was in a fayre bedde. And then he made
tocome his Seneshall/clemens/ & Veronyque/ whi-
che gaue the vernacle to Clemens. And whan they
were before the Emperoure Veronyque salued hym
& sayd to hym. Sir vnderstande the sermon of this
holy man ẏ is disciple of Jhesu criste. And after ẏ ser
mon by the pleasure of almyghty god you shall be he
led. Then the Emperour made scylence to be made
all aboute. And he mounted on a scaffolde & preched
the natyuyte & passyon of our lorde Jhesu crist enty-
erly/& how he shall come at the daye of Jugement to
Juge the quycke & the deed. Whan the sermon was
done/ Veronyque and he put theym in orayson/and

prayed Jhesu Criste almyghty that it wolde please hym to shewe his myracle / and good vertue. And whan they hadde adoured hym / they vnfolded the holy clothe seynge / the baronny / and put it before the Emperour / and made hym aboute it. Incontynent that he hadde worshypped it / he was hole and sounde / soo that it semed that he had neuer ben seke. Then he arose and wente all aboute / wherof his barons was ryght Joyfull / and yelded thankes & graces vnto our lorde Jhesu Criste / as Clemens the disciple had taught them.

¶ Howe Vaspasian crowned Tytus his sone Emperour.

After that the graces was yelded to God/ the Emperour crowned his sone Tytus Emperoure of Rome moche honourably. And whan it came on the morowe in the mornynge Clemens preched to the Emperour/ to Tytus his sone/ and to all the barons. And whanne he hadde fynysshed/ he yelded graces vnto god and vnto the emperour/ and to all his barons/ and sayde Amen.

Then Clemens & Gay þ Senesshall sayd vnto the Emperour þ sythe Jhesu crist had heled hym þ he shold baptyse hym for his loue. For Jhesu crist ordeyned the baptysme/ without the whiche no man can be saued/ & also cause all youre barons to be baptysed. Then the Emperour sayd I am moche beholden vnto this woman þ hath trauayled so moche for me/ & toke Veronyque by the hande & sayd to her. Lady take of myne Empyre/ as moche as you wyll castelles or townes/ excepte Rome þ is chyef of myne Empyre. And Veronyque answered. Sir I thãke Jhesu crist & you also. I praye you þ & ye wyl gyue me ony thynge gyue it to Clement that is disciple of Jhesu crist/ for I haue gyuen me vnto hym. & the Emperour answered her/ lady þ whiche you wyl pleaseth me. And Clement sayd vnto the Emperour Sir I wyll haue none other thynge of you/ but that ye wyll be cristened and byleue in the lawe of Jhesu crist/ that hath done you so grete grace/ & cause your men to be cristened/ for he is god amyghty.

Then answered the Emperour/ frende I wyll that thou be appostoll & cheef of all cristendo-

mes make to preche the lawe of Jhesu crist thorugh
all myne Empyre/ & who þ wyll cõuerte them it shall
please me well. But knowe þ I wyll not baptyse me
tyll that I haue venged the deth of Jhesu crist/ and
then I wyll be baptysed/ & all my men also/ if he gy-
ue me grace for to retorne in saufte. Then the Empe
roure toke vp Clement/ & made hym appostoll. And
made to make a chirche of saynt Symeon/ & an au-
ter. And vpon þ same auter he put the clothe of þ ver
nacle where as was the semblaunce of the face of our
lorde Jhesu crist/ and put it vpon two pyllers of fy-
ne golde. And made for to ordeyne in the chirche fay
re vestymentes & copes. And he made make many
fayre fontes for to baptyse all them that wolde be ba
ptysed. And there saynt Clemens baptysed Veron
que without chaũgynge her name. And then he pre
ched by dyuers tymes in þ sayd temple. And after-
warde there was baptysed euery day more & more.

AND then after this þ Seneschall entred with
Vaspasyan in to his chambre/ & sayd to hym
Sir I haue grete Joye þ you are heled so well tho-
rough þ grace of Jhesu crist. Now sir I wyll tell you
of Pylate your prouost how he spake to me whan I
demaũded hym your truage þ he oweth you. He ma
de me right euyll chere/ in saynge that he wold sende
you nothynge/ nor that he knewe not þ he held ony
thynge of you in þ cyte of Jherusalem/ nor therabou
te. And yet I tell you that & I had spoken ony more
he wold haue made me to haue be slayne. And whan
I sawe that I wolde not make no longe processe for
the grete Joye þ I had to haue founde some of that

that was nedefsary to you. But well I tolde hym
frome you that he sholde yet be dystroyed And as I
tolde hym þ a Jewe a holy man rose vp & sayd before
all þ within an. C. yere after in Jherusalem sholde
be so grete hunger þ the moder sholde ete hir childe
for hunger. And another Jewe þ was called Jacob
sayde also that for a trouthe the holy prophete sayde
with his mouthe that in shorte tyme sholde come þ
dystruccyon and vengeaunce of Jherusalem / & that
there sholde not abyde one stone vpon another. And
sholde be so grete hungre in the Cyte that the moder
sholde ete hir childe. Whan Pylate herde that he was
moche angrye / & sayd vnto them þ & euer they spake
of þ more he sholde make them be hanged. Now be-
hold syr how Pylate your prouoost is true vnto you.

¶ How Vaspasyan & Tytus assembled they⁹ ho
ste for to go & dystroye þ Cyte of Jherusalem.

Than the Emperoure herde that whiche Gay his Seneshall tolde hym / He was moche angrye / & maũded anone thorowe out his Empyre / and on the other partes that all men berynge armes / & other artyfycers to that necessary / shold come armed and apparaylled to Rome. And incõtynent all they of his empyre & other came thyder in fayre ordynaunce after theyr estate. And thyder was come kynges / dukes / erles / barons / and knyghtes / & dyuers other prynces And were well ordeyned & armed for to entre in to batayll. And were well in nombre .iij. C. M. knyghtes / without the other folke. And the Emperour had made to make / what shyppes or other vesselles .xxx. M. In ẏ whiche vesselles he & all his men put them vpon the see. And then made to synge / crye / & blowe with trompettes & clarons / & mynstrelles playe on alsydes. And made to pull vp the saylles in suche maner & guyse / that it semed ẏ heuen & erth shold assemble togyder. And they had so good wynde & so fayre weder that within .v. wekes they arryued at the porte of Acre. So that in a mornynge at ẏ sonne rysynge they ẏ were within the towne of Acre came & yelded the keyes to the Emperoure. And he toke them to mercy. And whan they had refresshed them there Vaspasyan & Tytus his sone with all theyr armye went & assyeged a castell / that was bytwene Jherusalem & Acre / & it was called Alcaffert. And whan ẏ Jewes of the castell sawe so many men lodged aboute the castell. They wolde haue yelded them gladly if they hadde knowen they sholde haue had mercy: Whan all ẏ hoost was in theyr tentes our lorde sente

so grete snowes/and so grete wynde that with payne myght ony holde them in the hoost. And the Castell was well stuffed and garnysshed of all thynges. For the lorde of the castell had fortefyed it/ whiche was a holy man & a good knyght of Joseph of Armathyes kynne that put our lorde in sepulcre.

SOone after the Emperour toke the Castell & made to slee all the Jewes saue Jafet &. viii. other that were hydde in a seller vnder ye erthe/ & were there thre dayes. And whan they sawe they dyed for hungre they ete one after another/except Jafet & one of his cosyns that accorded not therto. Then Jafet sayd vnto hym. I was lorde of this castell/ and also I was holden for noble & a holy man. Grete foly shall it be to vs if we dye here. yssue we oute for we may lyue no lenger/ & go we hardely to ye Emperour & make vs be knowen to hym/ & I am sure he wyll take vs to grace and mercye.

THen the Emperour made to bete downe that Castell and fyll the dytches. And Jafet and his cosyn yssued out of the caue and wente vnto the Emperour and kneled downe before hym. And Jafet sayde vnto the Emperour. Syr I was Lorde of this castell that you haue made to bete downe. And nowe I haue vnderstondynge that you are comen in to this countre for to venge the dethe and the passyon of oure Lorde Jhesu criste/ that with wronge was crucyfyed within the cyte of Jherusalem. And are comen for to take Pylate/ for he consented that foresayd deth. And knowe that my cosyn Joseph of

Jeruathye dyscended the holy prophete of ȳ crosse / & put hym in sepulcre. And know that we may do you grete ease if ye wyll take Jherusalem / thorugh counsayll. So we pray you sir to haue mercy on vs. And then the Emperour toke them to mercy. And Jafet prayed them to gyue them some mete / in countynge them theyr mysery̆s of hungre / and the Emperoure made them haue mete / & demaũded them if they beleued in Jhesu crist / & they sayd ye. Then he made them of his preuy counsayll.

¶ Howe Vaspasyan and Tytus toke coũsayll / and howe they beseged Jherusalem.

And after Vaspasyan & Tytus his sone had counsayll that they sholde go before Jherusalem with all theyr hoste. And it happened them that whiche Sayut Luke recounteth that sayde. When Jhesu Criste approched nere Jherusalem he wepte vpon it and sayde to the Cyte/ If thou knewe what shall happen the thou wold wepe. For thou knowest not ỳ daye of thy vysitacyon for thou shalt be all enuyronned/assyeged/and assayled. And they shall not leue one stone vpon another/and the sones that shall be with ỳ shalbe distroyed.

Pylate knewe not yet nothynge of ỳ comynge of the Emperour/nor of his men that came a gayne hym. For on suche a daye euery yere ỳ Jewes of all the lande theraboute made a grete feste in the Cyte of Jherusalem. And also there was comen the grettest parte of the Jewes. And ỳ sone of Herodes that was ordened kynge of Galylee the which was called Herodaus was comen to the feest with all his men. And whyles that the Jewes was in Jherusalem/there blewe so grete a wynde ỳ none of ỳ Jewes wolde not yssue out of the Cyte/nor retourne to goo in to theyr countres bycause of the wynde that was so grete and stronge.

And then Vaspasyan ỳ Emperoure & Tytus his sone with all theyr hoste came & assyeged Jherusalem all aboute/by suche maner that there ne myght nothyng yssue nor entre but that it passed by the hoste. And whā Pylate & they that were within

the Cyte of Jherusalem sawe the hoste and so many folke aboute ẏ towne / they were moche strongely abasshed. And Pylate was then moche abasshed/and then ẏ kyng Archylaus was sore abasshed & sayd to Pylate ẏ he sholde doubte of nothyng/ for there was so moche good chyualry in the cyte of Jherusalem & that she was so well and so strongly garnysshed that they neded not to fere of nothynge / so ẏ they armed them and went all assayll and sende backe them that were in the hoste of the Emperour. To the ende that they of ẏ sayd hoste dyde repente theym of that they were comen. And also that ẏ hoste myght not longe endure by defaute of water. And ẏ coũsayll pleasyd moche Pylate/and made crye thrughe all the Cyte ẏ euery body shold arme hym. And incõtynent euery body armed hym/ & whan they were euerychone armed they came before pylate at ẏ palays. And whan they wolde haue yssued out of ẏ cyte of Jherusalem the Emperours men were so nere approched the walles of ẏ cyte that they durst not yssue / but had counsayl to shytte the gates/and put a partye to kepe the walles/and the other dysarmed theym to bere stones vpon ẏ walles. And incontynente made to crye that euery man sholde bere stones vpon ẏ walles. Except them that kepte ẏ walles/and that the cyte sholde be well garnysshed. They were well.lx.thousãde to bere stones vpon ẏ walles. And Pylate and the kynge Archylaus were dysarmed / & eche of theym had on theyr mantelles of grene/ and Pytale helde a whyte staffe in his hande. And Pylate and ẏ kynge Archylaus sente worde to ẏ Emperour that they wolde go and speke with hym vpon assuraunce/withoute ony

THen Uaſpaſian the Emperour/ Jaket Gay the Seneſhal with .xl. knyghtes came to the walle of the cyte where as was Pylate and ẏ kynge Archylaus. And Tytus ſone of the Emperoure abode in the hoſte. And thenne Uaſpaſyan demaunded of Gay his Seneſhal whiche was Pylate. And he ſayd vnto hym that it was he that helde ẏ whyte ſtaffe in his hande. Then Uaſpaſyan began for to ſpeke vnto Pylate and ſayde Pylate my noble Julyus cẽſar gaue ẏ Jheruſalem in kepynge/ and wylled that thou was his prouoſte/ and that thou gouerned this lande. And whan thou knewe that he was dede thou ſente me the truage ẏ thou ought by thre yere. And ſith haſt ben ſeuen yere without ſendynge it me. And whan J ſente to ẏ for it by Gay my Seneſhall thou ſayde vnto hym vyllany. And ſayde to hym that thou helde nothynge of me/ and yet ſayde to hym that J ſhold kepe well Rome and Lombardye/ and that thou ſholde kepe well Jheruſalem and reknowleged noo homage nor truage. Wherfore J wyll that thou make open the gates of this Cyte to the ende that J may doo my wyll with ẏ & with all them that is enhabytynge there within.

CHowe Uaſpaſyan ſpake vnto Pylate/ and what anſwere pylate gaue hym.

THenne answered Pylate to Vaspasian themperour & sayde that he sholde take coũsayll/ and so departed and went and helde his coũsayll with all his barons/ & with the kynge Archylaus. And ỹ sayde Archylaus spake fyrste and sayd to hym ỹ he neded not to doubt the menaces of the Emperour. For you may well defende you agaynst hym & resyste. For you haue with in this Cyte so moche good chyualry that I byleue that in the thyrde partye of the worlde there is not so many good men. And it sholde be grete shame to you if you defended you not agaynst the Emperour And myshappe take hym ỹ shal yelde hym to them=

peroure to do his wyll. And when the kynge Archy laus had spoken so / the Seneschall of Pylate ỹ was called Barrabam sayd to Pylate. Sir the kynge gy ueth you good cõsayll. For knowe certayuly ỹ ye ne de not to haue fere of the Emperour / for he hath not the puyssaunce to abyde with his hoost in this coun tree the spàce of two monethes / For they shall haue no water but if they go and fetche it ryght ferre at ỹ lake of the deuyll. There where as perysshed two cy tees / that was called Sodom and Gomor. And that sholde be to grete payne for them. Wherfore I bele ue that the Emperoure maye not abyde longe abou te vs. And also we maye well holde vs seuen yere a gaynst hym. Wherfore I counsayll you ỹ you defye hym of that ỹ he hathe ben so hardy to come on this syde the see. And that he retourne the soneste that he maye. And Pylate and the kynge Archylaus and all the baronny helde it for good counsayll / and wen te vpon the walle where the Emperour with all his men abode hym at the fote of the sayde walle. And Pylate began to speke to the Emperoure and sayde. Syr retorne your waye and speke well your lande. For I shall kepe this cyte well from you / and frome all myne enemyes. And knowe that I shall not yel de you this cyte. But I counsayll you that you dy strove you not / and that you retorne.

THen the Emperour sayde to Pylate. Do not speke to me to retourne / but tell me if ye wyll yelde me the Cyte as to youre souerayne lorde tem porel. For I promyse you that you nor no man with in the cyte shall haue no mercy of me. Thenne sayde

Pylate ye speke folyshely / for knowe þ I shall not yelde you the cyte nor reknowlege you not for lorde/ but defye you frome henssorth. And wyte þ I shall do with you þ/that ye wolde do with me.

¶How Vaspasyan retourned al angry in to his pauyllyons/ and howe his knyghtes complayned vnto hym for water for theyr horses

Then þ Emperour retourned to his tentes all angry/& recounted all vnto his sone Tytus/ the which thanked god þ it was so happened. Then

came there many knyghtes and pages before ẏ Emperoure demaundynge hym howe they sholde haue water for.xl.myle aboute the hoost they myght fynde no water for to water theyr horses. Whanne the Emperoure herde those complayntes he meruayled and sayd to Jafet of Casset. How maye we haue water for oure horses and other beestes. And Jafet sayde. Syr and you haue grete foyson of beestes make many to be flayne and salte the flesshe for the men of the hoost / & make the hydes to be dressed and sewed togyder/ and make bowgettes of them for to cary the water styll from the lake of the deuyll in to the valey of Josaphat tyll that it be full. And whan the Emperoure and Tytus his sone hadde herde Jafet gyue suche coũsayll they helde it for good. And anone they made to flee what oxen/ what kyen/ gotes/ camelles/ and horses.lx.thousande. And sythe made to salte ẏ flesshe/ and corye the skynnes/ and sewe theym togyder/ and stratched theym in the valeye of Josaphat. And whanne the valeye of Josaphat was apparayl led the Emperour sayde to Jafet that he shold thynke to make come water from the lake of the deuyll/ & to fyll the valeye of Josaphat.

Taphet made redy two thousande horses ẏ bare water euery daye incessauntly from the lake of the deuyll/ and made it to be put in the valeye aforesayde as it hadde ben a ponde all full/ so moche that ẏ valeye was all full/ and helde also well as it had ben all of one pece. And by the wyll of god ẏ water was also fayre and clere/ and also fresshe as the water that cometh out of the roche.

¶ Howe Pylate and kynge Archylaus put Jacob the fader of Mary Jacobe in prysone/ & how an aungell hadde hym out of the cyte. And howe he recoũted it to Ualpalyan and Tytus.

¶ Than Pylate and the kynge Archylaus and the other folke of Jherusalem sawe ꝑ the valeye of Josaphat was full of water they meruaylled moche/ and thought in contynent that Jafet hadde gyuen that counsayll. For he was a holy man Jewe and of grete engyne. And Pylate beganne to abasshe hym right strongely/ & in his herte thought ꝑ he wolde he were out of the cyte in a felde. And repented hym moch of that he had not yelded ꝑ cyte of the Emperour. And

the kynge Archylaus and Barrabam ẏ Seneshall of Pylate that hadde gyuen hym that coũsayl comforted hym moche strongly and gretely / and sayde vnto hym Pylate wherfore do you abasshe you / for if the Emperour and all his hoste abyde here seuen yere/they shal haue neyther strength nor puyssaunce to haue this cyte by force. And also he maye not abyde here longe/by ẏ whiche we shall acquyre grete honoure.

And whan Jacob fader of Mary Jacob herde this he helde it for grete foly/ and sayde to Pylate. Syr I meruayll me moche howe ye byleue this that these tell you. For wytte it certaynly that you can not holde / nor we agaynste the Emperour. But and ye wyll byleue me I shall gyue you good counsayll. And Pylate wolde wete what counsayll he shold gyue/ & Jacob sayd to hym/ syr sende worde to the Emperour ẏ ye wyll yelde hym the cyte to doo his pleasure. And I byleue he shal take you to mercy. And then Pylate sayd vnto hym / thou art acursed / and also haste renyed our lawe. So thou ought not to be byleued/nor thy coũsayll also. For if ẏ Emperour had this cyte thou wolde retorne and byleue in his lawe payen/ & well it appereth. For thou sente vnto hym Veronyse ẏ is a false woman & a wytche/ that hathe heled hym by her vnhappy craftes & enchaũtementes. Thou haste done that/ & I shall take vengeaunce on the. Then Pylate made hym to be taken and fastened to a cheyne of yron/ & made hym to be put in his pryson in ẏ dongeon of a grete toure that was vnder the palays of the sayde Cyte.

¶ How Jacob made his prayers vnto our lorde Jhesu criste in the pryson.

AND whan Jacob was in that same pryson the whiche was moche obscure/he reclamed euer our lorde Jhesu crist/ in sayngē that by his pyte and swetnes he wold not let hym deye there. And whan his doughter Mary Jacob herde tell that her fader was in pryson/ & so trauayled by Pylate/ she put her in orayson and prayed god moche swetely in sayngē/ Fayre lorde god Jhesu crist beholde how thy frende my fader is in pryson. I pray ȳ that thou kepe hym me ȳ his enemyes may not doo hym yll. Fayre fader

god that delyuered Joseph of Armathye frome the pryson of Pylate delyuer my fader also. And incontynent as she had fynysshed her prayer/ the aũgell of god delyuered hir fader/ seynge all ẏ kepers/ the whiche ne myghte stere nomore than they had ben deed/ and ledde hym out of the cyte before ẏ Emperoures tente and there lefte hym.

Whan Jacob was at the entre of the tente of the Emperour they ẏ were there wende that he had ben a spye/ & began for to take hym. And whan Gay ẏ Seneshall sawe hym/ he knewe hym anone/ & sayde that he had ben his hoost. And in kyssynge hym ledde hym before the Emperoure/ & sayde syr this man was myne hoost that ensygned me to Veronyque.

Then the Emperour demaũded hym howe he was yssued out of the cyte/ for he hadde herde saye that Pylate had made hym to be put in pryson And Jacob sayd vnto hym that our lorde Jhesu criste had sente vnto hym an aũgell that had delyuered hym out of pryson & had brought hym theder. And whan the Emperoure had herde hym he made hym grete chere/ & reteyned hym of his owne courte/ with Jafet of Casset/ and wylled that he were of his preuy counsayll/ and made to make hym honoure and grete feest of all his men.

¶ Howe Vaspasyon assemble his counsayll for to wytte howe he myght assayll Jherusalem/ and how Jacob gaue hym coũsayll for to make dytches aboute Jherusalem.

Then Uaſpaſyon the Emperoure made come Tytus his ſone & dzewe hym a parte w' Jaket & Jacob/ & had.lx.barons that were of his counſayll ſecrete/ & ſayde to them. J haue made you come heder to the ende that we haue coũſayll how we ſhall do with this cyte. And J wyll ỹ Jacob ſay firſte his oppyny on. Foz god hath done hym the grace that he hath ſent hym his aũgell foz to take hym out of pzyſon to the ende ỹ he tell vs of Pylate & of kynge Archylaus how they bere them within the cyte/ & what

they say/ & what they do/ & what is theyr entencyon.

Iacob sayde then vnto the Emperour. Syr I shall tell you of the deve. Know we that yonder within the cyte is but lytel vytaylles/ wherfore they can not holde longe/ & also they are moche abasshed/ for in all the lande with payne is there abyden one Jewe but that they are comen vnto the feest yonder within. For it was a custome euery yere to make the feest/ & whan you had layde ꝑ syege none durst yssue out nor also none toke no hed of you. Wherfore I tell you syr ꝑ they shalbe soone dyscomfyted/ for they are not garnysshed w' vytaylles/ neuertheles they may yssue oute by dyuers places. So I counsayl that ye make to be made grete pyttes/ to the ende that none yssue oute withoute your lycence. And whan theyr vytaylles shalbe spended they shall yelde them vnto you/ or elles ye shall neuer wynne it.

Then the Emperour and the barons of ꝑ counsayl helde it for good and wel spoken. And in contynent the Emperour made to crye thrughe all ꝑ hoste ꝑ all they whiche medled them with makynge of pyttes shold come vnto the Emperour/ and incontynent it was done. And whā they were come before the Emperour they founde them well togyder. v. M. werkemen. Then ꝑ Emperoure cōmaunded theym for to make depe pyttes aboute ꝑ cyte of Jherusalem And sayd vnto Jaket & Jacob that they shulde be ꝑ admynystratours. And Jaket & Jacob beheldē by-twene them bothe where they shold begyn ꝑ forsayd pyttes/ so they made them begynne where as them

thought best/and sedde wt them.xx.M.archers wel garnysshed for to kepe them ẏ made the pyttes. And the werke men made them in ẏ maner that Jafet & Jacob cōmaunded them. So they made ẏ forsayde dytches.xxx.culdettes depe/and.xx.brode.

¶ Howe Pylate assembled his men of armes for to fyght with the Emperour.

Whañe Pylate sawe ẏ they made dytches in such wyse/and that they kepte them so strayte He demaunded counsayll of the kynge Archylaus/the whiche made sende for Joseph of Armathye to counsayll that sayde. Syr we maye doo none other thynge/but I counsayll you that we arme vs to morowe in the mornynge euerychone/and that we go & assayll theym.

for ẏ sonne shall smyte them in the faces/ & we shall dystroye them al. And Pylate and the kynge Archylaus helde that coũsayll for good. And made crye at nyghte thrughe all ẏ cyte that on the morowe at the poynt of the daye they shold be armed afore the temple of Salamon in a ryght fayre place ẏ was there And whan it came on the morowe they were well armed and apparaylled & ordeyned theyr bataylles/ & were well .xx. M. knyghtes/ & .lx. M. squyers & well lxx. M. archers & sergeaũtes surely dressed. And pylate cõmaunded that they sholde entre wysely in to batayll/ & that none dysordred them/ but kepte them at the ordenaunce of the capytaynes.

Then Pylate and ẏ kynge Archylaus toke ẏ .xx. M. knyghtes & yssued by ẏ grete gate of the cyte. And incõtynent as one of the watche of the Emperour sawe them yssue out al armed he moũted on horsbacke and ran & recoũted it vnto the Emperour. And then the Emperour sent for Tytus his sone/ and for Jafet and Jacob/ and sayd to them that incõtynent they sholde make to crye that euery Capytayne shold be armed with all theyr retynewe surely And incõtynent it was done/ for of themselfe it was apparaylled frome daye to daye. And whan they of the hoste knewe wherfore they were yssued/ they had ryght grete Joye/ and anone came all armed before the Emperour. And the Emperour sayd vnto them that they sholde haue batayll. And tolde vnto them howe Pylate came agaynst them wᵗ his men/ & bad theym for to ordeyne theyr bataylles/ & ẏ euery body were redy for to smyte vpon theyr enmyes/ & whan

they were redy and all armed/ ꝯ Emperour/ Tytus his sone/ & the other kynges/ Dukes/ Erles/ Barons and knyghtes and all other maner of folkes yssued out there as they were lodged/ and were men without nombre. And whan they were comen there as ꝯ hoste of Pylate was it was about tyers. And ꝯ men of Pylate were not yet all yssued out of Jherusalem whan they were al out the batayles were ordeyned and made the mynstrelles to playe and to blowe up the trompettes/ and entermedled theym togyder in suche maner/ that ye shold neyther haue sene nor here de heuen nor erthe/ and smote the one vpon the other soo myghty strokes with speres vpon theyr sheldes and other harneys that at the fyrste batayll there dyed thre thousande what of one what of other of them of Pylate. And of them of ꝯ Emperour. viij. C. and the batayll dured vnto ꝯ houre of none.

After that the batayles were ended/ they put themselfe all aside & rested them. And whan they had rested them on bothe partyes they retourned agayne vnto the felde/ and began the batayll agayne/ soo sharpely that there deyed on the parte of Pylate thre thousande and seuen houndred men of armes, And on the Emperours parte a thousande and two houndred. And the batayl dured vnto ꝯ sone settynge.

¶ Howe our lorde shewed a grete myracle for Vaspasyan and his hoste at the batayll. And how Pylates men were discomfyted.

Thenne oure Lorde Jhesu criste that wolde that his dethe were venged dyde a myracle/ for they of the batayll wende ẏ the sonne wold haue rested/ & began to departe from the felde. And the sonne by the wyll of god tourned towardes oryent/ and arose vp as it hadde ben fayre mornynge/ and the nyght was passed/ & was a fayre

clere day vnto ꝯ sone settynge. And thus there was no nyght betwene ꝯ two dayes. Whan themperour and Tytus his sone had sene the grete myracle that god had made/they thought that it was not goddes wyll that they sholde yet yssue out of the felde. And then they retorned and began to smyte vpon ꝯ hoste of Pylate/& Pylate on theym/and the batayl dured vnto mydday. And there deyed vpon ꝯ parte of Pylate foure thousaunde two hondred & fyfty. And on the Emperours syde a thousande and fyfty.

Then ꝯ bataylles were moch strongly chaffed one agaynste another/& wente & rested them tyll euensonge tyme/ & then they came agayne to ꝯ felde and smote ꝯ one vpon the other/and dured tyll nyght. And there was slayne on Pylates party thre thousande & .l. persones. And of them of themperour iij.C.l. So ꝯ in all there deyed on Pylates parte .x. M. men. And on ꝯ Emperours .iij. M. iiij. C. And in ꝯ same batayll ꝯ Emperoure reysed vp the felde/ and droue Pylates hoste vnto ꝯ gates of the cyte of Jherusalem. And as they reculed theym they herde a man ꝯ cryed styl Vaspasyan go in to Jherusalem. Wherof euery body was abasshed/ for they wende it had ben prophecye. And at ꝯ same entre was hitte Joseph of Armathye with a spere in ꝯ thyes/ but he was not moche the wors. And whā Pylate & ꝯ kynge Archylaus were retrayed within ꝯ cyte they were ryght sore trauayled/ and had grete sorowe for ꝯ losse they had receyued in the batayl. For they neuer had so grete sorowe afore for nothyng nor after. And the Emperour wente and lodged hym in his tentes

with his men/and there they refreshed theym / For they were right wery euerychone.

WHan the Emperoure sawe that Pylate yssued not oute of the Cyte. He sayde vnto Jasset and vnto Jacob þ they sholde thynke to make the pyttes / to the ende that they myght haue soner done. And they wente and put to as many werke men as was before / for men ynoughe put to theyr handes. And they were well. xv. M. werke men/so that in lytell space they hadde made the sayde pyttes all aboute Jherusalem/ by suche maner that no persone ne myght yssue nor entre without theyr lycence. For the sayd pyttes were made depe and brode as ye haue herde before.

WHan Pylate sawe that no man ne myghte yssue he and the other Barons of the Cyte assembled them / and dyscomforted theym moche/ & all the other people also. And there cryed & sayde euer a voyce Vaspasyan goyn Jherusalem is deed. And it wolde saye it by our blyssed lorde Jhesu crist/ but we shall saye that this prophete was agaynst vs. Syr Pylate ye hadde euyll coũsayll whanne ye wolde not yelde this cyte vnto the Emperoure our lorde. Now may we well se that the tyme approcheth that this voyce gaue that abode at the gate of the Cyte and sayde. Go Vaspasyan in to Jherusalem for all the people deyeth now in this cyte by the sterres.

Thenne Pylate herde the crye of the people/ and he went and counsaylled hym with kynge Archylaus and with his barons and other knyghtes/and aboue all other Joseph of Armathye spake firste and sayde to Pylate. Sir here can be no remedye saue that we make styll these folke/ and that there be made two grete pyttes for to put them that be deed in/ for they are to nere ȳ Cyte. And is ryght perylous for pestylence. And also that there come noo closynge to the Cyte. And also that we kepe vs wysely/and make the vytaylles to be well kepte/ for in veryte there is ryght lytell seynge that we are so many. For there is well. xxx. thousande straūgers ȳ are comen for this feest. And none can put them out Wherfore it is of necessyte ȳ euerychone kepe well theyr vytaylles.

And whanne he hadde herde the counsayll of Joseph of Armathye he sayde that it was well sayde/ And badde Joseph doo it after his owne pleasure. The which Joseph made to make two grete pyttes wherin they dyd put the deed bodyes/ that was well in nombre. xiij. thousande. And made to kepe the vytaylles.

What grete famyne was within the Cyte of Jherusalem/and how the people came and complayned vnto Pylate.

After ꝑ there happened soo grete famyne within ꝑ cyte of Jherusalem and derthe that there abode no wylde herbe to ete ꝑ myght be had / & also ete the deed beestes were they horses/dogges/cattes/or ony other beestes. For they hungre was so grete ꝑ all that they myght gete was soone gone.

Then was more gretter crye i Jherusalē than had be afore/for ꝑ folke deyed for hongre and whan they were deed they were borne into ꝑ pyttes where as was the other. And in dede there was foū-de deed for one daye for hungre by ꝑ stretes the hon-

dyed and foure persones. of the whiche Pylate had grete dole/moche more than he had before.

THen Pylate had in his counsayll & made cry that what persone had no mete that he sholde take there as he myght gete it. And of this the poore folkes had grete Ioye/and went thrughe the stretes by grete hepes thider as they thought to fynde ony mete. And incontynent as they sawe smoke/or smelled ony sauoure of mete i what someuer hous it was they entred and who that myghte take moost hadde moost/by suche manere that they spylte all ꝑ vytaylles in shorte tyme / so that there was founde no mete within the Cyte of Jherusalem. And in ꝑ ende they wente vnto the gates of the Cyte that were couered with boylled leder and ete therof for the grete hungre ꝑ they had. And there was in Jherusalem so grete derth that a lytell ferdynge lofe was worthe. xl. peces of golde. And an apple was worthe the weyghte of golde. And whan all the vytaylles was ete so that there was none founde no more to sell/ they gnawed the woode & ete the erthe. And then the folkes deyed in the stretes for pure hungre innumerable.

NOwe then happened that a lady ꝑ had to name Mary/the whiche had ben wyfe of ꝑ kynge of Affrycke The whiche deyed in the tyme ꝑ Jhesu crist was crucefyed. That same Lady wylled not to be maryed ony more/& she had a doughter & a noble lady that was her felowe/ꝑ whiche was called claryce & she had a sone. These two ladyes came in to Jherusalem and were conuerted to the fayth of Jhe

su crist/ & was baptysed. And these two ladyes was well garnysshed of vytaylles soo as it apperteyned vnto a quene/ vnto ỳ tyme ỳ the men of Pylate dyde stele it from them. And they were euer in resayson to wardes Jhesu crist/ for they had stongly theyr fayth And as it is sayd before the Jewes had stolen theyr vytaylles excepte herbes that they had in a gardyne that was within their hous/ & of these herbes they lyued. Whan all theyr herbes was eten ỳ doughter of the quene of Affryke was moche feble for hungre/ & deyed without ony other sekenes / wherof the quene had right grete sorowe & wept moche strongly. And also the sone of the felowe of the quene deyed for grete hungre/ for the whiche his moder made right grete dole. And also for that that they had grete hungre also well as for theyr children that were deed.

Whan the felowe of the quene sawe & consydered theyr grete sorowe / she sayd vnto the quene. Lady leue we this sorowe/ in peas/ and take we my childe and cut a quarter/ and roste we it syth that we haue none other thynge for to ete/ and that all is gone. And whan the quene herde that/ of grete sorowe & hydour ỳ she had she fell downe vnto the erthe in a swowne.

Thowe as the two Ladyes were in counsayll & the Quene in swowne an aungell badde the quene roste and ete her childe.

AND then as ꝑ quene Marye laye ſwownyng an aungel came that toke her vp & comforted her/ & layde vnto her. Lady god ſendeth you worde by me ꝑ you ete the childe to the ende that / ꝑ whiche he hath layd ſhall be accomplyſſhed & done. For Ihe ſu criſte ſpoke it with his proper mouth in this cyte the day of Palme ſondaye whan he entred mounted vpon an aſſe. And that in ꝑ generacion ſhold be peſtilence & famyne ſo grete in Jheruſalem that ꝑ moder ſholde ete her childe/ for the grete hungre ꝑ ſholde be in the cyte. The whiche cyte ſhold be deſtroyed in ſuche maner that one ſtone ſhold not abyde vpon another/ & ſo grete dyſtruccyon of people. Wherfore ſayd the aungell to the lady it behoueth to be ſo done/ & god

wyll that it shalbe so accomplysshed. So the aungell departed from her & wente his waye.

Then the ladyes abode wepynge and toke the childe and cut of a quarter with the sholder & layde it to roste. And in rostynge it there yssued out a vyght grete and good odoure/in suche wyse that it smelled all aboute ꝯ strete. And Pylate & the kynge Archylaus wente thrughe the Cyte thynkynge and aduysynge howe they myght do/ & whan they were before the house of the quene Pylate smelled ꝯ good odoure of ꝯ roste/ and had grete luste to haue therof. So he called a sergeaũt & sayd to hym. Go se where this roste is/ and say vnto hym that oweth it that he sende me some/for I had neuer so grete desyre of nothynge of the worlde nor neuer shall.

Then ꝯ sergeauntes that were.x. or.xii. wente thrughe the strete serchynge where the roste myght be. At the last they came into the hous of the good quene and called at ꝯ gate. And whan they were within they salued the ladyes & sayd. Ladyes my lorde Pylate prayeth you ꝯ ye wyll sende hym some of your good roste/for he sayeth that neuer the dayes of his lyfe he had not so grete desyre of nothynge.

Then sayd ꝯ quenes felawe / By god frendes gladly/ and she toke ꝯ thre quarters that were left of hir childe/ and toke a knyfe & sayd to them/ Lordes holde me there & I shall cut you some to bere to your mayster whiche shall make it be dressed after his appetyte. And whan ꝯ sergeauntes sawe the

chylde cut/and that the lady wolde cut it yet agayne
for to sende to Pylate/they were so agast and had so
grete hydour ꝑ they were almoste out of theyr wytte
And retourned all confused before Pylate. Whan
Pylate sawe them come he sayde vnto them/ frome
whens come you so abasshed/ bryng ye me no roste
that I sente you for. And the sergeauntes sayde vn-
to hym. Syr a lady hathe quartred her chylde/ and
hathe made to roste a quarter that she wyll ete. And
whan we had asked her/ she toke the chylde & wolde
haue sente you a quarter/ and that ye sholde make it
to be rosted & dressed after your apetyte. The whiche
whan we sawe it/ we had grete horrour and grete so-
rowe/ soo ꝑ we had almoste ronne out of our wyttes
and we dyde yssue out of her house also soone as we
myght for ꝑ grete horrour that we had to se her cut
her owne chylde and roste it.

WHan Pylate herde the answere that the
sergeaũtes brought hym frome ꝑ ladyes
of the chylde He had ryght grete hydour
and doubted hym for the whiche he ye-
de in to his palays and layde hym downe in his bed
of the grete sorowe that he hadde/and there he helde
hym ryght dolent and dysconforted. And the ladyes
were in theyr house/ ꝑ wepte & complayned for theyr
chyldren. Neuertheles they began for to ete for the
grete hungre that they hadde/for god hadde cõmaũ-
ded them/ & euer in etynge they wept ryght strong-
ly. But it behoued ꝑ they ete therof/ for god had spo-
ken it with his owne mouthe. And whan they had
eten the chylde of Claryce they beganne for to ete the

doughter of the quene/ but there was the ryght grete doloure whan ꝯ quene began for to ete of her doughter/ for euery body ꝯ sawe her wepe myght not kepe them frome wepynge of the pyte and grete sorowe that she had demeaned.

And whan Pylate had ben thre dayes in his bedde sorowfull and dysconforted/ he rose vp and wente vnto kynge Archylaus afore ꝯ temple of Salamon where as he was/ and thether he made to come all his barons and all his counsayll/ and sayde vnto theym my lordes I can not tell what coũsayll we maye take agaynst this Emperour/ for we are in grete dystresse by this ꝯ we haue no vytaylles/ and also I knowe certaynly ꝯ there is happened in this cyte a ryght grete sclaũder and a grete mysauenture horryble & ryght hydeous for to here and to recoũte That is that ꝯ moders ete theyr children for hunger So that I counsayll that we yelde this cyte vnto ꝯ Emperour/ & if he wyll take me to mercy that he do it for I had leuer dye alone than all ꝯ people sholde dye. For the Emperour knoweth well that none is to blame but I alonely.

When Archylaus and all the other barons herde the counsayll that Pylate gaue/ they were ryght sory and moche dolant and sayd all wepynge. Ha god what shal we do wt our lorde Pylate And then the grete complayntes arose in the cyte so that they ben [illegible] them in ꝯ hoste of ꝯ Emperour/ and

the crye was moche grete seynge that it was no day but that there deyed in the cyte. iiij. C. persones of the grete famyne ꝑ there was.

THen Pylate sayd that the whiche he hadde sayde he wolde perfourme. And sayde vnto ꝑ kynge Archylaus that he sholde arme hym with. v. M. knyghtes And whan they were armed they went to the dytche there as ꝑ Emperoure was. To the whiche they maunded that they wolde speke with hym in sauete. And incontynent ꝑ Emperour and Tytus his sone Jaket and Jacob and. xx. M. knyghtes well armed came where Pylate & the kynge Archylaus abode them. And whan ꝑ Emperoure was come Pylate began to speke to ꝑ Emperour and sayde. Syr Emperour haue pyte on me and on all the people if it please you and take the cyte and the treasoure / and all that there is / and let vs go in to straunge landes exyled by the worlde.

HOwe the Emperour spake vnto Pylate and the kynge Archylaus/and what answere they had.

THen ꝯ Emperour answered to Pylate and sayd. If thou wylte yelde me the cyte/thyselfe and all them that are within for to do my pleasure I shall do it gladly/and otherwyse not and I promyse the that I shall haue no mercy on none within ꝯ cyte no more than thou had on Jhesu Criste.

AND then the kynge Archylaus sayd vnto the Emperour. Syr I am sone of kyng Herode your grete frende ꝯ was kynge of Galylee. And after his deth I succeded the realme/wherfore I beseche you ꝯ it wyll please you for to take me to mercy.

for my fader nor I dyde neuer no thynge agaynste you nor agaynst your fader / & also we dyde neuer cõ sente to ỹ deth of Jhesu criste. And ryght dere lorde my fader was ryght preuy of ỹ courte of your fader.

THen sayd ỹ Emperour to the kynge Archy-laus/arte thou than the sone of Herode ỹ made the persecucyon of the lytell childzen/ & wolde haue slayne Jhesu criste in his enfance. The man that hath no pyte nor mercy ought not to fynde no pyte nor mercy. Thy fader wold haue slayne Jhesu criste the prophete whan he was borne / & made to sle all ỹ childzen ỹ he myght fynde vnder ỹ aege of two yere & had mercy on none/& made sle in nombre. C.lxiiij. M. And for this cause I shall neuer haue mercy on the & thou shall repare the iniquytees of thy fader.

AND whan ỹ kynge Archylaus herde ỹ he dyl cended all in a rage/ & vnarmed hym. And af-ter drewe out his swerde/ & sayd vnto ỹ Emperoure Neuer please it ỹ grete god ỹ you or man paynym vaunt hym of my dethe. And then he put the poynt of his swerde agaynst his brest & thurste hymselfe a fote thorowe the body / & so fell downe deed in to the pytte. Whan Pylate & his men sawe the kynge Ar-chylaus so deed/they were ryght sorowfull & retour-ned in to the cyte/and recounted to the people all the dede of kynge Archylaus/and the answere of ỹ Em-perour. Then the men of the sayd kynge and all the other people made grete sorowe/ & rent theyr gownes and pulled theyr here/and made so grete sorowe that there was neuer none seue soo grete in the Cyte of

Iherusalem nor in none other place.

ON the morowe Pylate made to come Joseph of Armathye before hym and Barrabam his Seneshall and all the other people and demaunded them counsayll. And also sayd to them Lordes you se well that we can holde no lenger agaynst this Emperour/and that god hath forgoten them. For neuer no cyte was in so grete trybulacyon as this Cyte is/ for we haue no vytaylles/ but shall deye all for hungre/counsayll what we shall do nowe.

THen Joseph of Armathye sayd. Sir we can not gyue you no good counsayll syth that the Emperoure wyll not take you to mercy. Euyll were ye counsaylled to be enemye with the Emperour/ for ye maye well wete that we maye not resyste agaynst hym nor holde agaynst his puyssaunce longe.

Pylate sayde I knowe well what we shall doo. In this cyte is moche grete rychesse of golde and syluer & of precyous stones/and the Emperoure and his men weneth well to haue it/ I knowe well howe they shall haue no thynge/and it shall be oure profyte/ We shall make to grynde ye precyous stones and ye other treasoure stampe in morters of brasse/in suche maner that they maye be eten/ & thus we shall passe our lyfe. And whan the Emperoure & his men shall take the cyte they shall not fynde the treasoure For also grete thanke shall we haue without treasoure as with the treasoure.

¶ Howe Pylate made his complaynt to the barons of Jherusalem/ and howe he yelded vp the cyte vnto the Emperour/ which made Tytus entre in with xx. M. knyghtes.

AND whan Pylate had gyuen and sayde this good counsayll/ they sayd all that it was well spoken. And euery body wente vnto theyr houses/ and they that had golde syluer or precyous stones they dyde so as he had sayd. And they that hadde to moche they gaue vnto theym the whiche had none. And of that same treasoure they lyued well. xxi. dayes.

THen whan the treasour was all eten/ all ye people came before pylate & sayd vnto hym. Sir Pylate we haue done that the whiche ye haue coun

sayled vs of the treasoure / but it is all spylte & consumed / what shal we do frome hens forth. And then Pylate was moche penlyse & sorowfull / & began for to wepe before them all & sayd. Lordes you haue made me your mayster / lorde / and gouernoure of you al in this cyte / but frome hens forth I can not gouerne you. So I pray you & requyre for god pardon that & euer I dyde you ony hurte / yf you wyll pardon it me.

And whan all the Jewes sawe / yt Pylate dyscomforted hym so / they began for to wepe / for they thought well that they shold be all dystroyed / & there was none but that they wepte / and had so grete sorowe that they myght not answere neuer a worde vnto hym / but lamented moche strongly.

And then Pylate sayd Lordes haue we good hertes and put we vs vnto the wyll of yt grete god and go we yelde vs to the Emperour to do we vs his good wyll. For it is better that we goo vnto hym than we sholde let vs deye for hungre / for there is not one day with another but that there deyeth in this cyte thre hondred persones. And parauenture it shall come in his mynde to take vs to merrye / or the moste gretest partye.

Sone after this Pylate yssued out of yt Cyte of Jherusalem with all the people / & went vnto the pyttes that the Emperour had made to make / And Tytus yt sone of the Emperour wente then on sportynge with his knyghtes alonge the pyttes syde & Pylate knewe hym by his armes sygned with the

Egle/and made hym sygne wt his gloue. And whan Tytus sawe hym he came thederwarde wt his sayd knyghtes/ & Pylate began for to speke vnto Tytus & sayd vnto hym/syr Tytus new Emperour we supplye you al ẏ it please you to pray your fader ẏ he haue mercy on vs/ & also your selfe to haue pyte/ & take these pore people vnto mercy whiche requyre you all wepyng. & take no regarde vnto our iiquytes/but of your boũte & gentylnes you take cõpassyon on vs.

WHan Tytus the sone of the Emperour herde ẏ he maũded it vnto the Emperour his fader by two of his knyghtes/ẏ which two knyghts that Tytus had sente towarde the Emperour recoũted vnto hym all ẏ case. And whan Vaspasyan had herde that/ he sente worde thrughe all the hoste that they sholde come all armed before hym. And he hym selfe wente and armed hym with his best harneys/ & the moste rychest & wente incontynent towarde Tytus with all his men of armes ẏ he had aboute Jherusalem/the whiche were without nombre.

INcontynẽt as Tytus sawe his fader come he made hym reuerence & sayde vnto hym. Syr se here Pylate ẏ whiche is accorded for to yelde you the cyte/so ẏ it please you for to take hym to mercy & all the people ẏ is with hym/the whiche dothe praye you for to do it wepynge/ & Vaspasyan ẏ Emperour sayde ẏ it was not tyme/for it was by grete force.

THen sayde Vasypasan vnto Pylate/ If thou wylte yelde me ẏ cyte & all them ẏ are within

with the to my merry & wyll/ I am redy for to doo it. But I tell you that I shall haue also lytel pyte on you as you had on Jhesu crist/for I shall venge his deth in you and vpon you.

And whan Pylate herde þ answere of thempe rour & all þ other/also þ was there/ they were moche sorowfull & angry & made a crye moche grete in weppynge & lamentynge/ & knewe not what they shold do more but sayd to Ualspasyan. Sir take þ cyte & all that you shall fynde therin/& vs al in lykewyse & do your good pleasure therwith as lorde.

Then Ualspasyan the emperour made incontynent to fyll the dytches that he hadde made to make. And anone after he sent Tytus his sone Jaket & Jacob with .xxx. thousande knyghtes in to the cyte & sayd vnto them that they shold shytte þ gates to the ende þ none of the Jewes sholde yssue nor escape from theyr handes.

And Tytus dyde anone that þ whiche þ Emperour his fader had cõmaũded hym/and entred in to the cyte with the .xxx. thousande knyghtes and toke Pylate and gaue hym to kepe to ten of his knyghtes/and sayd vnto them that they sholde kepe hym well. And after he made to take & bynde all the other Jewes olde & yonge of the cyte. Of the which there was withouten them that were slayne in þ batayll that was done before/& without them that were deed for hungre thorughe the cyte. C. tit. M. And as he had done so he made to open the gates.

Then the Emperour Vaſpaſyan & all his hoſte ſõmyers/charettes/ & all the other maner of men that watched aboute the walles of the cyte of Jheruſalem bycauſe that none of the Jewes ſholde yſſue/dyde entre in to the ſayde cyte & went all vnto the temple of Salamon. And there the Emperoure and all the other yelded graces to god Jheſu criſt of that he had gyuen them ſo good victory. They made grete feeſtes and reioyſed them and helde theym well at eaſe. And thether ye ſhold haue ſene come all manere of folkes/excepte of Jewes. And there they hadde vytaylles ynoughe/ for it was brought vnto theym frome all partes.

¶ How Vaspasyan ye Emperour & Tytus his sone made for to sell .xxx. Jewes for a penye.

And whan the Emperour Vaspasyan sawe ye his men helde so many Jewes boūde & with holden he sayde vnto them. Lordes syth ye our sauyour Jhesu criste hathe done vnto vs so grete grace ye he hathe gyuen vs victorye I wyll auenge his deth as I haue promysed hym. And wyll ye these Jewes whiche we haue taken be solde. And in lyke wyse as they bought Jhesu Criste for .xxx. pens / so wyll I ye xxx. Jewes be solde for a peny. And incontynent he made to cry al aboute where his men of armes were lodged that whosomeuer wolde by ony Jewes that they sholde come vnto them ye were ordeyned for to sell them / and ye they sholde haue .xxx. Jewes for a penye as sayde is. And ye Emperour ordeyned .xv. knyghtes for to sell them vnto all comers.

Then whan ye cry was made there came a knyghte before ye forsayd Emperour which sayd vnto hym. Syr I wolde haue a penyworth of these Jewes. And incontynent the Emperour made to be delyuered to hym a penyworth. Whā this sayd knyghte had his .xxx. Jewes he had his spere i his hāde & came before ye sayd Jewes ye he had bought & smote one of them in to ye body so that he fel downe deed to the groūde. Then as ye knyght drewe out his spere there yssued out of his body a grete streme of gold & syluer. Of the whiche ye knyght meruayled moche And toke another Jewe and sayde to hym. I wyll ye thou tell me if thou knowe what this is for to saye / &

in what wyse this Jewe casteth out blode i semblaũ
ce of golde & syluer. And then that same Jewe sayd
Sir if you wyll assure me fro dethe I shall tell you
without ony faute what it is for to say. And ẏ kny-
ghte swore & assured hym of his lyfe. And then ẏ Je
we tolde hym by ordre how Pylate had made them
for to ete theyr vessell & moneye/ & precyous stones/ &
all the treasour of the Cyte/ to the ende ẏ the Emper-
our nor his men sholde not fynde it/ & that they shold
haue no Joye of nothynge. And we haue lyued lon-
ge therby/ for we had none other mete.

FOrthwith that was knowen thorugh the ho-
ste/ wherfore euery body bought of the forsayd
Jewes. And the Emperoure cõmaunded that there
shold be delyuered vnto euery body that wolde bye
for a penye. And whan Jafet and Jacob sawe that
all the Jewes were almoost solde vnto the knygh-
tes. And that they slewe theym vp for the treasoure
that they hadde eten/ they sayd vnto the Emperour
Syr one knyghte amongest the other that is for to
wete amonge the Jewes/ ought for to be/ which was
frende vnto Jhesu Criste. And the sayde knyght is
called Joseph of Armathy/ that ayded for to dyscen
de Jhesu Criste of the crosse/ and put hym in to his
sepulcre/ and Nychodemus that was with hym. Al-
so there sholde be a Lady quene and her felawe and
theyr two children. The whiche Quene was called
Marye of Affrycke/ and byleued moche strongly in
Jhesu criste. Wherfore we praye you syr for to take
theym to mercy/ for they were neuer consentynge to
the dethe of Jhesu Criste.

¶ Howe Jaket and Jacob founde Joseph of Armathye and brought hym before Vaspasyan the Emperour and Tytus his sone/ and how he toke hym to mercy.

Then ỹ Emperour sayd vnto them. Loke and make to be loked if you can fynde them/ & make them come before me. And then Jaket and Jacob serched and made to serche al about/ and they foũde none but Joseph of Armathye. And after they went in to the houle of the quene/ for they had had often in her houle grete cõsolacyons with her/ and they foũde her deed & her selawe also. Thẽ they retorned to ỹ Emperour with Joseph of Armathye. And whan ỹ

Emperoure sawe hym he demaunded hym if it was he that dyscended Jhesu Criste of the crosse / and he sayde ye / wherfore the Emperour toke hym to mercy.

SO whan the Emperour sawe that the Jewes was not all solde yet / he demaunded of the knyghtes that solde them how many penyworthes they had yet for to sell / and they sayde that they had wel. vi. penyworthes. And the Emperour bad them that they shold sell no mo / for he wold kepe those. vi. for to do his pleasure with.

IN Jherusalem was made thā so grete slaughter of Jewes that noo man myght goo by the stretes in Jherusalem but on deed bodyes / so grete nombre there was. And it was by the coūsayll that Pylate gaue vnto ẏ Jewes for to ete theyr treasour. And knowe that if they hadde not eten it they that had bought theym wold haue taken many of theym to mercy. But for the loue of the treasour there was slayne. lxxiij. M. and thre hondred and fyfty.

THen whan the mortalyte of the Jewes was done the Emperoure made the bodyes to be borne vnto the walles of the cyte / and after he made to bete downe the walles so that there abode not one stone vpon another thrughe all the cyte / excepte the temple of Salamon / and ẏ tour of Syon / that was Dauyds. For god wold not that the sayd temple nor

the sayde toure were beten downe. Thenne was accomplysshed the propre wordes that our lorde spake on palmesondaye whan he wepte vpon the Cyte of Jherusalem in entrynge in to it.

NOt withstondynge Tytus ẏ sone of the Emperour afore that the Cyte was beten downe he wente in to euery place and made to take the harneys wherwith the Cyte was well garnysshed. And also toke all the clothes of golde and other clothes of sylke / that they myghte fynde. For as for the other treasoure the Jewes had eten it / for the whiche they were all slayne / except the syxe peny worthes that the Emperour withhelde / and Joseph of Armathy / and the Jewe that hadde tolde howe they had eten their treasours.

THenne whan the Emperour and Tytus his sone hadde done that / and hadde sojourned theym there and theyr men / they sayde vnto Jafet and Jacob / and Joseph of Armathy that they shold lede theym there as Jhesu Criste was put vpon the Crosse / and to flome Jordayne / to and the sepulcre / & there as he raysed vp Lazarus. And to all the places where Jhesu crist hadde ben and done myracles And they answered that they wolde doo it with a gode wylle. And whanne the Emperoure and Tytus his sone and all theyr men were vysytynge the holy places / all in wepynge they yelded graces vnto oure lorde Jhesu criste.

¶ How the Emperour toke shyppynge with all his armye for to retorne to Rome.

AFter this the Emperour and Tytus his sone with theyr armye/ and with Pylate & with the lyre peny worthe of Jewes toke theyr shyppes and arryued at acres where the Emperoure put the thre peny worthes in thre shyppes without mete or drynke to go where as it shold please our lorde Jhesu crist. And put in eche shyppes two peny worthes of Jewes/ for oure Lorde Jhesu criste wolde not that all the Jewes sholde be

dedibut that there abode on the erthe for a perpetu-
all remembraunce and memory to all the cristyens.
And it happened so as god wolde that one of ȳ shypp
pes arryued at Narbonne/the other at Bourdeaulx/
and the other here in Englonde. And ȳ Jewes that
were within wente that it had ben done by myracle/
and that hadde had pyte on them. But god dyde it
bycause that alwayes there sholde be remembraun-
ce of his dethe and passyon.

Whenne the Emperoure and his sone Tytus
made to apparayll fayre shyppes and grete/
and made grete prouysyon of vytaylles/as well of
whete/wyne/water and other vytaylles grete foy-
son. And anone they put them within the shyppes ȳ
were fayre and grete and well aourned with Jafet/
Jacob Joseph of Arimathye and all their men. And
god gaue them so good wynde and so good fortune/
and so good porte that within ten dayes they arry-
ued at valeste. And fro valeste they wente by Lan-
de vnto Roune well and in good heithe. And whan
Clement the appostolle knewe that the Emperoure
and Tytus his sone came he wente agaynste them
with all his Clergye well aourned and in grete pro-
cessyon.

Howe the Emperoure Vaspasyan was receyued
at Roune/and how he was crystened and Tytus his
sone/with all theyr men.

Whan the Emperoure and Tytus his sone sawe Clement the appostolle they dyscended of theyr horses & kylled Clement with ryght grete Joye / and made grete feest in the cyte of Rome and thrughe all the other countrees for the loue & honour of the Emperour / and in especyall for the vengeaunce of Jhesu crist / and of his dethe and passyon that the sayde Emperour & his sone Tytus had made. And then ꝺ appostolle put hym for to preche euery day ꝺ fayth of Jhesu crist. And the Emperour / Tytus his sone / & all theyr men herde hym gladly. And whan ꝺ appostolle had preched eyght dayes / he wente for to se the Emperour in his palays & sayd vnto hym. Sir our

lorde hath done you so grete grace & so grete honour
that he hath made you to dyscomfyte & haue victo-
ry agaynst your enemyes/ wherfore I am comen for
to pray you that the promysses that you haue made
to hym yf you wyll accomplysshe it w' good herte/ &
what promysse is it sayd the Emperour. Sir sayd the
Appostolle yf you do make you to be baptysed. Then
the Emperour answered I vttre it/ & wyll that it be
done to yf pleasure of god Jhesu crist w' good wyll
So make to make and apparayll the fonte. And then
the appostolle departed thankynge god Jhesu crist
eyght ioyously. And anone yf sayd Clement made to
apparayll the fonte/ and at the ende of thre dayes he
baptysed yf Emperour and Cytus his sone in yf na-
me of the faver/ the sone/ & the holy ghoste/ and chan-
ged not theyr names. And after he baptysed yf Se-
nethall Gay/ Jafet/ Jacob/ Joseph of Armathye/ &
after the Kynges/ Dukes/ Erles/ Barons/ Paynes/
and other folkes of yf Emperours and other.

AND then whan all the men of the Emperour
& all yf other multytude of people yf was the-
re was baptysed/ the other came vnto the appostolle
& made them be baptysed with good wyl. And Cle-
met had eyght grete Joye/ & yelded graces vnto our
lorde Jhesu crist/ & vnto them that were baptysed.
And whan yf people sawe yf myracles yf god shewed
in the baptysynge of the seke and lame whiche were
heled of all maladyes in ylluynge out of yf water/ all
the people bylened in god/ and in the holy lawe and
faythe of Jhesu crist/ & bette downe all the temples
of the ydoles/ and made chirches of them.

How the Emperour gaue lycence vnto his men of armes for to retorne in to theyr countrees.

THen whan that was done ꝯ Emperour gaue lycence vnto all his barons for to retorne ito theyr coũtrees. And euery baron had of ꝯ appostolle theyr byleue in wrytynge or they departed. Then after the Emperour & Tytus his sone assembled theyr counsayll and bad them Juge Pylate & gaue them the caule. So they helde theyr coũsayll and after retorned to ꝯ Emperour & sayde. Syr we knowe well that Pylate hathe deserued to deye/ but youre fader the Emperour ordeyned that all ꝯ straungers shold dye at Vyenne. And therfore we Juge hym to deye thus there.

¶ Howe Pylate was Juged vnto dethe and after was sent vnto Vyenne for to haue execusyon.

Fyrste we ordeyne that the Justycer make to be made in the myddes of the place a grete pyller of foure cubettes of heyght without the groūde. And vpon the sayde pyller be put a polle of a fadome of heyght/ soo made that it may e susteyne Pylate. And that he be put on the sayde pyller well bounden vnto the pole vpryght and all naked/ and that he be oynted with hony and oyle and wryten a hye ouer his heed agaynst ẏ sayde pole This is Pylate that myskne we Jhesu criste/ & renyed his ryghtfull lorde the Emperour. And that

he haue ꝯ vyſage towarde ꝯ ſonne. And whan he ha the ben there vntyl nyght from tyers/let hym he dyſ cended/and cut of one of his eres. And then after put hym i pryſon/and that there be gyuen vnto hym me te & drynke ynoughe/and that he haue none yll pry- ſon/ to ꝯ ende ꝯ he may lyue .xxi. dayes in tourment As he made to lyue hymſelf & the other with ꝯ trea- ſour .xxi. dayes that were in ꝯ cyte of Jheruſalem/ꝯ he & the other Jewes ete whan theyr vytaylles were fayiled. And the ere cut be put in ſuche a place ꝯ Py- late may ſe it whan he ſhalbe on the ſayd pyller. Af- ter vpon the morowe that he haue wyll to dyne/ and that he be led agayne vpon ꝯ ſayd pyller wel oynted and that he be there vntyll nyght/ and that he haue the other ere cut of/ and that it be put with the other. And that there be gyuen vnto hym alwayes mete & drynke ynoughe. And ꝯ thyrde daye that there be ta ken from hym his preuy membre. The fourth day ꝯ they cut of one of his handes. The .v. day that the o- ther hande be cut of. The .vi. day that they cut out a thonge from his necke vnto his hande. The .vij. day that they take as moche on the other ſyde. The .viij. day that they make be taken from hym one of the ſo les of his fete. The .ix. daye ꝯ they make to be taken of the other ſole of his fote. The .x. day that they ma ke to be reyſed vp a thonge from his membres vnto his foũdement. The .xi. day that they make to reyſe vp a nother thonge in the ſame place of croſſe/to ꝯ en de that he bere the croſſe as he made Jheſu criſte do The .xij. day ꝯ they make to cut of one of his armes The .xiij. day the other arme. The .xiiij. daye one of the ſholders. The .xv. day ꝯ other ſholder. The .xvj.

daye that they flee his berde. The. xvii. daye ẏ they cutte of one of his fete. The. xviii. daye that they cut of the other fote. The. xix. daye that they breke one of his thyes as he dyde vnto the theues that were hanged by Jhesu criste. The. xx. daye the other thyghe. The. xxi. daye all the body with all the membres be drawen/and that they cut of his tunge/and after the heed. And that they make hym be quartred/& hanged on the pyller in the same place to ẏ ende that there be remembraunce. And thene. x. dayes after that he be brente and put in asshes and caste in to the ryuer of Rosne. And se here how we Juge hym to euyl dethe and cruell/ bycause that he was traytoure vnto god Jhesu criste/and to your owne selfe. And bycause that he hathe made so moche people to deye/ & made dystroye so many good places.

Whan the Emperour herde that the Senatours of Rome hadde Juged hym so for to deye. He sayde vnto the knyghtes that kepte hym ẏ they shold lede hym vnto ẏ prouost of Vyenne from hym. And made to gyue them letters sealed for to bere vnto ẏ sayde prouost/ with the hole sentence. Then they departed and brought Pylate vnto the prouost of Vyenne and delyuered hym to hym with the sentence. And whan the burgeyses of Vyenne knewe that the knyghtes were come from the Emperour theyr lorde they made them grete chere and honoure. Whan the prouost of Vyenne hadde redde ẏ letters of the Emperoure and the sentence of the Senatours of rome/incontynent he made to make a chayre. And af-

ter made Pylate to be sette in it. And therin he dyde sytte at his ease/but he myght not remeue hym. And sythe the prouost made the chayre and Pylate to be put in to a welle. And the chayre was tyed with grete chaynes of yron aboue/so that Pylate touched not the water. And there he abode vnto the tyme that ꝯ pyller was redy vppon the whiche he sholde be put. And they gaue hym alwayes mete & drynke ynough euery daye whan that he demaunded or called for it.

THen after the prouost made to plante in the place of Vyenne the pyller/& helde hym well toyously with the knyghtes that hadde brought Pylate For the sayd Prouost wolde not ꝯ they shold retorne vntyll the tyme that the Justyce were done of Pylate. And the bourgeyses and ꝯ other men of estate of the Cyte of Vyenne made them alwayes grete chere for the loue and honoure of the Emperour theyr soueraine lorde.

AND whan the pyller was planted and all ordeyned the nyghte before that the Justyce of Pylate sholde be done. The prouost made hym to be drawen out of the welle. And whanne he was out he was so chaunged that he hadde no vysage of a man (but of a deuyll) Whan the Prouost sawe that he made hym to be put in to a toure that was by the brydge of Vyenne in the ryuer of Rosne/the whiche was moche depe. In that same profoūde toure was there manere of stages or places. And the ryuer of Rosne went rounde aboute it. And in the fyrste stage he ma

de to put kepers and sergeauntes. And in the seconde he made to putte Pylate to the ende that he were better at his ease. And in the thyrde he made to put men of armes.

How as the prouost of Uyenne wolde haue taken Pylate out of the toure for to haue made execusyon/ the toure and Pylate founded in abysme.

When it came vnto the morowe in the morninge/ the prouost/ the knyghtes / and dyuers other

wente in to the Toure for to haue hadde Pylate to haue sette hym on the pyller. And whanne they were in the toure they sayde vnto the kepers that kepte Pylate that they sholde brynge hym oute. And thenne all that the brydge and the ryuer / was charged with men that wolde se ẏ Justyce that they wolde doo on Pylate. And at the houre that the kepers wolde haue taken hym for to haue broughte hym in Justyce / all the toure was full of deuylles also well withoute as within that sayde alle with one voyce. Pylate is ours/pylate is ours/ leue hym vs. All the toure trembled / wherof the Prouost and all ẏ other that were there with hym/and the kepers also hadde ryght grete fere/and ryght grete horrour/and yssued all out of the toure and mounted vppon the brydge. And whanne they were vpon it they behelde the toure/and sawe on the turrettes aboute the Toure a grete multytude of deuylles. And the toure entred with Pylate and all the deuylles in to the ryuer of Rosne in abysme.

Than the Prouost/ the knyghtes/ ẏ bourgeyses ⁊ al the other folke sawe that they meruaylled moche strongly / and wolde wete ⁊ se if the toure were entred depe in So they sayd vnto a maryner of the ryuer that he sholde take a bote ⁊ goo se if it were depe there as the toure entred with Pylate. And the maryner wolde not bycause of the peryll. So they fastened a bote with cordes vnto the toppe of the brydge and made it go vnto the place where the toure was

entred / in the whiche place the water rored moche strongly. And after they had. iiij. C. fadoms of corde for to lengthe ye other corde that was to shorte. And whan the bote was there it entred in with al the corde / so that they put more therto / and tyed the ende of it vnto a vessell of corke / and lete it go softly / but all entred in and neuer herde tydynges of ye toure / nor of Pylate nor of nothynge elles. And yet dare none approche nere the sayde place. And the pyller is yet ryght vp in Vyenne. The deuylles toke Pylate in the toure / bycause he shold not conuerte hym thrugh the cruell payne. Then whan all that was done the knyghtes toke theyr leue and rode vnto the Emperoure and recounted to hym all the dede. Whane the Emperour herde that he made Jafet Jacob & Joseph of Armathye to wryte the dystruccyon and vengeaunce of Jherusalem / for they knewe it well. And also the deth e & Justyce of Pylate as you haue herde worde by worde.

¶ Thus endeth the dystruccyon and vengeaunce of Jherusalem by Vaspasian Emperour of Rome. Imprynted at London in Flete streete at the sygne of ye George by Richarde Pynson / prynter vnto the Kynges noble grace.